

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-14 (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) A method for cryoablating tissue, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a device including a shaft having a proximal end and a distal end, said device further including a flexible enclosure attached to the distal end of said shaft, said enclosure having an outer surface and an inner surface, with the inner surface thereof forming a cryochamber wherein the cryochamber has a length, said device further including a shapeable rod attached to the distal end of said shaft and extending therefrom into the cryochamber substantially along and through the length thereof;

exposing the tissue;

manually deforming said shapeable rod to selectively establish a configuration for said enclosure to conform said enclosure to the exposed tissue;

contacting the tissue with said outer surface of said enclosure;

preconditioning a cryo-fluid to approximately 400psia and -40°C; and

passing said preconditioned cryo-fluid through a flow restricting device and into said enclosure to flow to said enclosure unimpeded by said rod to cool said enclosure and cryoablate the tissue.

16. (Original) A method as recited in claim 15 wherein the tissue is myocardial tissue.

17. (Original) A method as recited in claim 15 wherein said deforming step is performed subsequent to said exposing step.

18. (Original) A method as recited in claim 15 wherein the tissue has an exposed surface and wherein said deforming step establishes a configuration for said enclosure wherein a portion of said outer surface of said enclosure substantially conforms with a portion of the exposed surface of the tissue.

19. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 15 wherein said shapeable rod is made of copper.

20. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 15 wherein said passing step comprises the steps of:

holding said cryo-fluid in a liquid state;

flowing said cryo-fluid through a high-pressure tube; and thereafter

flowing said cryo-fluid through a capillary tube to transition said cryo-fluid from said liquid state into a gaseous state to cool said enclosure.

21. (Previously Presented) A device as recited in claim 1 wherein the shaft has an inner surface and the rod is attached to the inner surface of the shaft.